The low Title IV-E eligibility rate is also addressed in Jackson DEP at 86:5-86:20 and Jackson DEP at 114:12-115:17.

³³ Urban Institute, The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV, 2004, page 120.

³⁴ Id. at page 17.

³⁵ FFY 2002 at DHS 031001-009, FFY 2003 at DHS 031048-057, FFY 2004 at DHS 031092-102, FFY 2005 at DHS 091918-922.

³⁶ The number of children in State custody is taken from the SFY MDHS Budget Requests from Program Performance Indicators and Measures. SFY 2007 at DHS 059090-059128, SFY 2006 at DHS 031539-031606, SFY 2005 at DHS 031467-031538, SFY 2004 at DHS 031395-031466.

³⁷ The Institute for Applied Research, which served as evaluator of the Title IV-E demonstration project of MDHS gives Title IV-E eligibility rates for the State at 31% in 1999, 31% in 2000, 26% in 2001, and 19% in 2002. Presentation slides at http://www.iarstl.org/papers/MSSlidesMay2005.pdf.

³⁸ The Institute for Applied Research, which served as evaluator of the Title IV-E demonstration project of MDHS, comments that "while Mississippi ranked first in child poverty among the 50 states in 2000, first in the percent of families in poverty, first in the number of households headed by single women, and 47th in median household income, it was, at the same time, 42nd in the percent of foster care cases determined to be eligible for IV-E. In 2001 it ranked 46th in the percent of IV-E eligible foster care cases and in 2002 it ranked 48th."

³⁹ DFCS has an administrative unit, the Eligibility Unit, whose function is to maximize the Title IV-E funding to support Foster Care and Adoption Assistance placements. This unit's efforts are designed to reduce the utilization of capped federal funds and state funds. The existence of the Eligibility Unit notwithstanding, Mississippi still has the lowest Title IV-E participation rate in the country.

⁴⁰ Deposition of Billy Mangold (Mangold DEP) at 84:13-84:21.

⁴¹ Jackson DEP at 84:6-84:18.

⁴² DHS 059116.

⁴³ DHS 091922.

⁴⁴ There exists an inexplicable discrepancy between the reported Title IV-E Foster Care Federal funds in the MDHS Budget Requests and the Title IV-E Quarterly Reports submitted to ACF. It was reported in the FY 2007 MDHS Budget Request (DHS 059094) that \$10,531,505 was received from title IV-E Foster Care program. It was reported in the Title IV-E Quarterly Reports (DHS 031092-110, DHS 053610-14, and DHS 091923-26) that \$9,195,033 was reimbursed to the State through the Title IV-E Foster Care program in SFY 2005.

⁴⁵ Jackson DEP at 84:6-85:8.

⁴⁶ Jackson DEP at 84:11-84:18; DHS 058618 (Broome Presentation).

⁴⁷ Calculations based on 3,372 children in State custody and an \$11,550 per child Title IV-E Federal Payment.

⁴⁸ Based on the FY 2005 FMAP rate of 77.08 percent.

The Title IV-E Adoption Assistance funding from the federal government is not listed as a Federal source of funds on the MDHS Budget Requests. References are made to these funds in the Budget Narrative, but no separate line item for Title IV-E Adoption Assistance is given in the budget tables.

FFY 2002 at DHS 031001-9, FFY 2003 at DHS 031048-57, FFY 2004 at DHS 031092-102, and FFY 2005 at DHS 091918-22 (These data are taken from the Title IV-E Quarterly reports as submitted by DFCS to AFC. As set forth in attached Table 5, \$5,661,652 was spent on eligible children in the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program. The federal government's share of these expenditures was 71.8%, or \$4,065,195.).

58 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd/programs/chafee.shtml and http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd/programs/etv.shtml.

SFY 2007 at DHS 059090-059128, SFY 2006 at DHS 031539-031606, SFY 2005 at DHS 031467-031538, SFY 2004 at DHS 031395-031466, SFY 2003 at DHS 031315-031394, SFY 2002 at DHS 031245-031314, SFY 2001 at DHS 031177-031244, SFY 2000 at DHS 031111-031176 (The level of Title IV-E Chaffee funding actually received by MDHS is given in attached Table 5.).

⁴⁹ DHS 000864 (In a January 7, 2004, memo to the Regional Directors of DFCS, Gloria Salters, Bureau Director of DFCS warns, "It is very important that those children who are Title IV-E eligible retain this eligibility status. Due to the current budget situation, we cannot afford to lost Title IV-E funds. These are the only funds that are available and are not capped. During the quarter, the change in eligibility status resulted in a loss of approximately \$154,000 in Title IV-E funding. This equates to approximately six (6) Social Worker positions. The loss in title IV-E funding impacts the Division's ability to fund positions and provide services.").

⁵⁰ FFY 2002 at DHS 031001-9, FFY 2003 at DHS 031048-57, FFY 2004 at DHS 031092-102, and FFY 2005 at DHS 091918-22.

⁵¹ House Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, pages 23-24.

⁵² This description of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program is taken from: Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, page 33.

⁵³ Department of Medicaid 2004 Annual Report at http://www.mississippi.gov/frameset.jsp?URL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dom.state.ms.us%2F

⁵⁴ Urban Institute, The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV, 2004, page 17.

⁵⁵ House Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, page 35.

⁵⁶ House Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, page 38; and DHS 031006.

⁵⁷ Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, pages 38-39.

⁵⁹ In SFY 2003, DFCS received \$845,586 in Chafee Independent Living funds - \$107,681 less than allocated to the State. In SFY 2004, DFCS received \$482,415 - \$521,145 less than the State's total allocation. In SFY 2004, Mississippi drew down less than half of the federal funds available through the Chafee Independent Living program. And in SFY 2005, MDHS drew down \$512,010 in Chafee Title IV-E funds, \$458,281 less than allocated.

⁶⁰ DHS 053156 (MDHS explains that "[the Chafee Independent Living] grant requires the state to provide a 20% match in order to draw down the funds. The current budget constraints have made at difficult to come up with the match.").

The Institute of Applied Research published the Final Evaluation Report for the State of Mississippi Child Welfare Demonstration Project. The report can be obtained at: http://www.iarstl.org/papers/MSIVEFinalReport.pdf.

⁶² DHS 053725-726 (In the DFCS Budget Request package dated June 17, 2005, Rickie Felder, Director of DFCS, explains the purpose of the Demonstration and the causes and impact of its suspension as follows: "In 1999, the state of Mississippi was given a waiver to demonstrate how providing additional services through Title IV-E funding to a randomly selected group of children in foster care would eliminate the need for the agency to be in his/her life for a long period of time. By providing these services the agency would eliminate out-of-home placements, return children to their homes, leave children in their home or ensure independent living. This project has not been implemented as proposed due to lack of staff in the waiver counties. These counties were understaffed and were not adequately performing the tasks required by the Waiver Project. Consequently, on September 30, 2004, the Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver Project was cancelled, losing Title IV-E federal funds.).

⁶³ Title IV-B CWS is a non-entitlement capped at \$289,650,112 nationally in FFY 2005. Mississippi's allotment was \$3,875,000 in FFY 2003, \$3,788.816 in FFY 2004, and \$3,769.621 in FFY 2005. As set forth in attached Table 5, MDHS reports \$7,603,651 in Title IV-B (Child Welfare Services) spending in SFY 2003, \$3,728,651 more than allotted. In SFY 2004, MDHS spent \$1,856,739 more than allotted. And in SFY 2005, MDHS spent \$1,168,821 more than allotted.

⁶⁴ DHS 058618 (These words are taken from a presentation made by Janice Broome Brooks, Executive Director of MDHS, at the Legislative Budget Hearings leading to the 2003 legislative session.).

⁶⁵ Jackson DEP at 84:11-85:3.

^{66 &}quot;Review of Mississippi's Participation in Title IV-B, Subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, Promoting Safe and Stable Families for Fiscal Years 1994 through 1999," (A-06-01-00065) September 21, 2001, at http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/60100065.htm.

⁶⁷ Title IV-B PSSF funding is capped at \$367,174,785 for the 50 states in FFY 2005. Mississippi's allotment for FFY 2003 was 6,044,140, \$6,331,204 in FFY 2004, and \$6,333,688 in FFY 2005. As set forth in attached Table 5, MDHS drew down \$3,431,011 in Title IV-B PSSF funds in SFY 2003. This is \$2,613,129 less than allotted. In SFY 2004, MDHS drew down \$3,944,468 in Title IV-B PSSF funds. This is \$2,386,736 less than allotted. And in SFY 2005, MDHS drew down \$3,568,385 in Title IV-B PSSF funds. This is \$2,765,303 less than allotted.

⁶⁸ DHS 059103.

⁶⁹ DHS 059103.

⁷⁰ DHS 062877-062878 (In a memo written to Thelma Brittain, Deputy Director of Program for MDHS, and dated June 25, 2001, Sue Perry, Director of DFCS, expresses her dismay that 39 Family preservation positions were abolished that would have been 100% funded by Federal TANF funds. Director Perry points out that "our children are at risk. If the state cannot provide general fund dollars to protect the program, we should use every federal dollar available. If we do not, children will continue to live in abusive/neglectful situations and some will die. This is just a fact.").

⁷¹ Urban Institute, The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV, 2004, page 25.

⁷² The reason for the unusually low figure in FY 2003 is not readily apparent from the data reviewed. Discovery has not provided the answer and I reserve the right to amend this report upon the receipt of new information that might explain it.

The SSBG grant is an entitlement that was capped at \$1,700,000,000 in total for all the states in FY 2005. Mississippi's allotment in FY 2005 was \$16,749,190. A portion of this total grant is allocated to DFCS for child welfare purposes. In SFY 2005, DFCS received \$3,450,360 in SSBG funds.

⁷³ SFY 2007 at DHS 059090-059128, SFY 2006 at DHS 031539-031606, SFY 2005 at DHS 031467-031538, SFY 2004 at DHS 031395-031466, SFY 2003 at DHS 031315-031394, SFY 2002 at DHS 031245-031314, SFY 2001 at DHS 031177-031244, SFY 2000 at DHS 031111-031176.

⁷⁴ States must spend at least 75% of what they spent in FY 1994 to meet the maintenance of effort ("MOE") requirement; they must spend 80% if they do meet the work requirement. Urban Institute, The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV, 2004, page 37 & n.29.

⁷⁵ Urban Institute, The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV, 2004, page 23.

⁷⁶ SFY 2007 at DHS 059090-059128, SFY 2006 at DHS 031539-031606, SFY 2005 at DHS 031467-031538, SFY 2004 at DHS 031395-031466, SFY 2003 at DHS 031315-031394, SFY 2002 at DHS 031245-031314, SFY 2001 at DHS 031177-031244, SFY 2000 at DHS 031111-031176.

⁷⁷ SFY 2007 at DHS 059090-059128, SFY 2006 at DHS 031539-031606, SFY 2005 at DHS 031467-031538, SFY 2004 at DHS 031395-031466, SFY 2003 at DHS 031315-031394, SFY 2002 at DHS 031245-031314, SFY 2001 at DHS 031177-031244, SFY 2000 at DHS 031111-031176.

⁷⁸ FY 2005 at DHS 030657-692, FY 2006 at DHS 030693-747, FY 2007 at DHS 053703-732.

⁷⁹ DHS 059107.

⁸⁰ The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the cost of raising a child in a publication titled "Expenditures on Children by Families, 2004". In this publication the DOA estimates the annual cost of raising a child by the age of the child, the income of the family, geographic location, and by category of spending.

⁸¹ DHS 032883.

⁸² Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, Section 11, pages 103-109.

^{83 &}quot;Making an Economic Case for Prevention", U.S. Department of health and Human Services, Administration for Families and children, April 2004.

^{84 &}quot;Total Estimated Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in the United States" Statistical Evidence", Suzette Fromm, Prevent Child Abuse in America, 2001 at http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research_docs/cost_analysis.pdf

Table 1 Federal and State Revenue to DFCS Actual, Estimated, and Requested SFY 2000-2006

		SFY 2	902 Budget R	• Quest	SFY 2	003 Budget R	equest	SFY 2	004 Budget R	equest
		2000	2001	2002	2001	2002	2003	2002	2093	2004
		Actual	Estimated	Requested	Actual	Estimated	Requested	Actual	Estimated	Requested
Title XX	Social Services Block Grant	2,916,158	3,364,708	3,384,708	5,134,182	7,462,218	6,495,115	2,002,214	3,993,361	4,043,491
Title IV-B	Child Welfare Services	5,413,724	8,246,437	6,246,437	2,441,639	3,548,772	3,088,851	8,561,422	17,075,520	17,289,875
Title IV-E	Foster Care	18,420,840	21,254,247	21,254,247	21,080,792	30,639,634	26,668,740	16,675,436	33,258,699	33,876,207
Title I	Child Abuse	270,910	312,580	312,580	325,130	472,557	411,314	211,660	422,151	427,450
Refugee Re	settlement	429,307	495,341	495,341	820,415	1,192,424	1,037,886	1,294,881	2,582,604	2,815,025
Title IV-B	Family Preservation	2,469,975	2,849,895	2,849,895	2,320,154	3,372,201	2,935,164	2,701,434	5,387,936	5,455,573
litle IV-E	Chafee Foster Care Independence	405,204	487,531	467,531	419,816	610,178	531,098	233,822	466,351	472,206
Title I	Children's Justice Act	87,943	101,470	101,470	131,741	191,477	166,662	151,602	302,387	306,162
OHHS	Community Based Family Resources	210,798	243,222	243,222	151,933	220,826	192,207	187,701	374,365	379,064
HHS	TANF	5,760,685	6,646,766	6,646,766	20,481,165	29,768,114	25,910,168	16,516,267	32,941,241	33,354,763
Other	Other	287,838	332,112	332,112	488,595	707,238	615,578	502,188	1,001,600	1,014,173
Total Feder	ni Revenue	36,673,382	42,314,309	42,314,309	53,793,562	78,185,635	68,052,783	49,038,627	97,806,195	99,033,989
	(General Fund) Revenue				13,346,029	11,901,406	13,745,363	20,727,408	10,632,136	18,472,590
Total Revenue		51,485,853	56,059,892	56,059,892	67,139,591	90,087,041	81,798,166	69,766,033	108,438,331	115,506,579

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		SFY 20	005 Budget F	tequest	SFY 2	006 Budget R	equest	SFY 2	007 Budget R	equest	
		2003	2004	2005	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006	2007	
		Actual	Estimated	Requested	Actual	Estimated	Requested	Actual	Estimated	Requested	
Title XX	Social Services Block Grant	36,806	72,585	72,585	3,467,503	4,025,883	4,025,883	3,450,360	4,031,951	4,186,307	
Title IV-B	Child Welfare Services	7,603,651	14,995,114	14,995,114	5,845,555	6,554,671	6,554,671	4,938,442	5,770,864	5,991,790	
Title IV-E	Foster Care	10,362,223			10,447,569	12,129,965	12,129,965	10,531,505	12,306,692	12,777,830	
Title I	Child Abuse	168,561	332,419	332,419	224,120	260,211	260,211	36,524	42,680	44,314	
Refugee R	esettlement	571,828	1,127,899	1,127,699	1,354,616	1,572,753	1,572,753	1,059,771	1,238,408	1,285,816	
Title IV-B	Family Preservation	3,431,011	8,766,276	6,766,276	3,944,468	4,579,655	4,579,655	3,566,385	4,169,871	4,329,507	
Title IV-E	Chafee Foster Care Independence	845,586	1,667,578	1,667,578	482,415	560,099	560,099	512,010	598,314	621,219	
Title I	Children's Justice Act	151,801	299,366	299,366	236,290	274,340	274,340	144,451	168,800	175,262	
DHHS	Community Based Family Resources	101,127	199,432	199,432	78,865	89,243	89,243	104,182	121,743	126,404	
IHHS	TANF	19,046,548	37,561,576	37,561,576	21,427,678	24,878,226	24,878,226	19,987,836	23,356,978	24,071,123	
Other	Qther	894,418	1,763,875	1,763,875	31,778	36,893	36,893	249,929	292,057	303,238	i.,
Total Fede	ral Revenue	43,213,560	85,221,197	85,221,197	47,338,855	54,961,939	54,961,939	44,583,395	52,098,358	53,912,810	
Total State	(General Fund) Revenue	20,660,713	16,070,564	19,556,335	17,849,141	17,256,000	19,281,000	17,256,000	16,697,447	18,857,422	
Total Fede	ral and State Revenue	63,874,273	101,291,781	104,777,532	65,187,996	72,217,939	74,242,939	61,839,395	68,795,803	72,770,232	
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Source, MDFIS, Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 2002-2007.

Table 2: Total Spending and Major Categories of Funding for the Division of Family and Children by Dollar Amounts and Percentage of Total Budget, 1998-2005.

State Fiscal Year	Actual Spending	General Fund Appropriation (State Funds)	Federal Funds	Local	Children's Trust Fund	Budget Contingency Fund	Other	Estimated Cash Available Next Fiscal Period
1998	\$52,541,174	13,936,372	37,416,658	1,188,144				
1999	\$52,843,082	11,929,941	39,783,239	1,129,902				
2000	\$52,483,538	14,792,471	36,673,382	1,017,685				
2001	\$68,219,627	13,346,029	53,793,562	1,080,036				
2002	\$70,743,219	20,727,406	49,038,627	918,966	58,220			
2003	\$68,379,817	20,882,136	43,213,560	1,541,055	62,691	3,580,375		-900,000
2004	\$69,502,032	17,849,141	47,338,855	656,585	627,543	1,218,300	1,811,608	
2005	\$64,206,040	17,256,000	44,583,395	197,328	174,003	·	1,995,314	

Percent of Total Spending

State Fiscal	Actual	General Fund	F-4		Obitationale	Budget		Estimated Cash	
		Appropriation	Federal		Children's	Contingency		Available Next	
Year	Spending	(State Funds)	Funds	Local	Trust Fund	Fund	Other	Fiscal Period	
1998	100.00%	26.52%	71.21%	2.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
1999	100.00%	22.58%	75.29%	2.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
2000	100.00%	28.18%	69.88%	1.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
2001	100.00%	19.56%	78.85%	1.58%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
2002	100.00%	29.30%	69.32%	1.30%	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
2003	100.00%	30.54%	63.20%	2.25%	0.09%	5.24%	0.00%	-1.32%	
2004	100.00%	25.68%	68.11%	0.94%	0.90%	1.75%	2.61%	0.00%	
2005	100.00%	26.88%	69.44%	0.31%	0.27%	0.00%	3.11%	0.00%	

Source: MDHS, Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 2000-2007.

Table 3 Federal Funding Sources SFY 2005 (Actual) and Estimated State Match

	Pada-al	Estimated State Nation	F** - 45 4
Federal Funding Source	Federal Funding	State Match Percentage	Estimated State Match
Title IV-E Foster Care	10,531,505	41%	7,318,503
Title IV-B Child Welfare Services	4,938,442	25%	1,646,147
Title IV-B Promoting Safe and Stable	3,568,385	25%	1,189,462
Chafee Independent Living	512,010	20%	128,003
Social Services Block Grant	3,450,360	0	0
TANF	19,987,836	0	0
Refugee Relocation	1,059,771	0	0
Child Abuse	36,524	0	0
Children's Justice Act	144,451	0	0
Community Based Family Resources	104,182	0	0
Other	249,929	0	0
Total	44,583,395		10,282,115
State General Fund Allocation			17,256,000
State Funds Used for Purposes Other to	han Match		6,973,885

Table 4 Title IV-E Funds in 2002 per Child

Title IV-E Funds in 2002 per Child											
	Number of	Title IV-E	Title IV-E								
	Children in the	Funds to the	Funds per								
<u>State</u>	State	State	Child								
Dist. of Columbia	112,128	\$38,728,989	345								
Maine	279,058	\$ 50,163,202	180								
Vermont	139,662	\$19,710,181	141								
New York	4,613,251	\$631,433,000	137								
California	9,452,391	\$1,271,781,000	135								
Ohio	2,879,927	\$378,472,533	131								
Illinois	3,254,523	\$392,190,791	121								
Pennsylvania	2,863,452	\$319,357,487	112								
Michigan	2,570,264	\$242,590,718	94								
Maryland	1,379,925	\$124,057,282	90								
Hawaii	295,514	\$25,105,189	85								
West Virginia	389,171	\$32,740,679	84								
Wisconsin	1,338,064	\$112,516,763	84								
Rhode Island	239,248	\$19,782,067	83								
Connecticut	872,853	\$68,367,027	78								
Alaska	192,428	\$14,752,952	77								
Minnesota	1,252,125	\$93,335,925	75								
Kentucky	931,588	\$67,052,988	72								
Delaware	189,698	\$13,349,993	70								
North Dakota	146,812	\$9,957,507	68								
Montana	216,320	\$14,087,929	65								
lowa	698,045	\$44,871,784	64								
Nebraska	439,393	\$27,797,428	63								
Massachusetts	1,463,340	\$89,789,754	61								
Missouri	1,397,461	\$85,593,591	61								
Oregon	855,107	\$50,795,095	59								
Colorado	1,151,118	\$64,105,711	56								
Kansas	696,519	\$38,346,048	55								
Oklahoma	873,560	\$47,498,021	54								
Arkansas	677,522	\$35,183,839	52								
New Mexico	500,506	\$25,336,344	51								
Louisiana	1,185,674	\$58,783,946	50								
Florida	3,882,271	\$183,180,612	47								
Washington	1,513,360	\$66,132,748	44								
South Carolina	979,163	\$40,649,000	42								
New Jersey	2,127,391	\$87,405,658	41								
Indiana	1,594,857	\$65,071,406	41								
Virginia	1,779,408	\$71,311,559	40								
Georgia	2,268,477	\$87,889,807	39								
Arizona	1,476,856	\$56,923,703	39								
South Dakota	195,625	\$7,135,548	36								
North Carolina	2,068,840	\$71,827,809	35								
Utah	713,012	\$24,704,200	35								
Nevada	572,590	\$19,296,286	34								
Wyoming	122,344	\$3,825,606	31								
Alabama	1,107,108	\$31,059,893	28								
Tennessee	1,404,661	\$38,297,764	27								
Texas	6,102,316	\$160,891,955									
Idaho	370,439	\$8,375,900	23								
New Hampshire		\$6,741,662	22								
Mississippi	760,747	\$14,919,822	20								
Average	72,894,483	5,553,276,701	76								

Source: "The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV", The Urban Institute, 2004.

Table 5: Federal Funding for the Division of Families and Children by Major Categories and Percent of Total Federal Funding, 1998-2005.

				Title IV-B							DHHS	
State				CWS - Child	Title IV-B	Social Services		Title IV-E	Title I		Community	
Fiscal			Title IV-E	Welfare	Family	Block Grant	Refugee	Independent	Children	Title I Child	Based Family	
Year	Federal Funds	TANF	Foster Care	Services	Preservation	(SSBG)	Resettiement	Living	Justice Act	Abuse	Resources	Other
1998	\$37,416,658		12,093,705	5,739,367	2,213,280	15,127,626	1,300,454	525,163	56,029	199,356	159,611	2,065
1999	\$39,783,239		20,257,873	5,366,894	3,716,724	8,492,238	951,847	382,864	170,807	174,090	121,275	148,627
2000	\$36,673,382	5,760,685	18,420,840	5,413,724	2,469,975	2,916,158	429,307	405,204	87,943	270,910	210,798	287,838
2001	\$53,793,562	20,481,165	21,080,792	2,441,639	2,320,154	5,134,182	820,415	419,816	131,741	325,130	151,933	486,595
2002	\$49,038,627	16,516,267	16,675,436	8,561,422	2,701,434	2,002,214	1,294,881	233,822	151,602	211,660	187,701	502,188
2003	\$43,213,560	19,046,548	10,362,223	7,603,651	3,431,011	36,806	571,828	845,586	151,801	168,561	101,127	894,418
2004	\$47,338,855	21,427,678	10,447,569	5,645,555	3,944,468	3,467,503	1,354,616	482,415	236,290	224,120	76,865	31,776
2005	\$44,583,395	19,987,836	10,531,505	4,938,442	3,568,385	3,450,360	1,059,771	512,010	144,451	36,524	104,182	249,929

Percent of Total Spending

				Title IV-B							DHHS	
State				CWS - Child	Title IV-B	Social Services		Tital IV-E	Titie I		Community	
Fiscal			Title IV-E	Weifare	Family	Block Grant	Refugee	Independent	Children	Title I Child	Based Family	
Year	Federal Funds	TANE	Foster Care	Services	Preservation	(SSBG)	Resettlement	Living	Justice Act	Abuse	Resources	Other
1998	100.0%	0.0%	32.3%	15.3%	5.9%	40.4%	3.5%	1.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%
1999	100.0%	0.0%	50.9%	13.5%	9.3%	21.3%	2.4%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
2000	100.0%	15.7%	50.2%	14.8%	6.7%	8.0%	1.2%	1.1%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%
2001	100.0%	38.1%	39.2%	4.5%	4.3%	9.5%	1.5%	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%	0.3%	0.9%
2002	100.0%	33.7%	34.0%	17.5%	5.5%	4.1%	2.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%
2003	100.0%	44.1%	24.0%	17.6%	7.9%	0.1%	1.3%	2.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	2.1%
2004	100.0%	45.3%	22.1%	11.9%	8.3%	7.3%	2.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%
2005	100.0%	44.8%	23.6%	11.1%	8.0%	7.7%	2.4%	1.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%

Source: MDHS, Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 2000-2007.

Table 6 Title IV-E Eligibility Rates, 2002 Foster Care and Adoptive Assistance

State	Number of Children in Foster Care	Percent Who Received Title IV-E Reimbursement	Percent of Children in Adoptive Placement with Title IV-E Reimbursement
Nevada	1,789	NA	NA
Delaware	1.023	NA	NA
Massachusetts	11,568	NA	NA
Connecticut	7,440	NA	NA
Pennsylvania	21,237	80	80
Vermont	1,360	80	80
California	107,168	79	87
Ohio	21,584	79	93
Wisconsin	7,290	76	87
New Mexico	1,757	73	73
Dist. of Columbia	3,339	72	60
Louisiana	5,024	72	79
Maine	3,226	70	70
New York	43,365	70	80
North Carolina	10,130	70 70	NA
Michigan	20,896	68	88
Maryland	12,564	67	71
Hawaii	2,584	66	NA
Oklahoma	8,674	65	63
		63	82
Minnesota South Carolina	8,167	62	69
	4,774		
Kentucky	6,141	61	83
Alaska	1,993	61	85
New Jersey	10,666	60	60
Missouri	13,349	60	70
Kansas	6,409	60	76
Colorado	7,138	60	78
Idaho	1,114	60	80
West Virginia	3,298	60	80
Oregon	8,966	60	80
Texas	19,739	59	75
Virginia	6,866	55	64
Arizona	6,234	54	73
North Dakota	1,167	54	80
South Dakota	1,367	53	72
Tennessee	9,679	50	70
Utah	1,957	50	77
Montana	2,008	50	80
Illinois [.]	28,460	45	91
New Hampshire	1,288	43	59
Alabama	5,859	42	60
Florida	32,477	42	82
Rhode Island	2,414	40	58
Washington	9,101	40	80
lowa	5,202	40	80
Wyoming	965	37	72
indiana	8,383	31	NA
Georgia	12,414	30	30
Arkansas	2,959	30	70
Nebraska	6,254	30	70
Mississippi	3,261	23	20

Source: "The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV", The Urban Institute, 2004.

Table 7
Title IV-E Expenditures, Federal and State Share, 2002-2005.

Title IV-E Foster Care Program

1700		FFY 2002			FY 2003			FFY 2004		F	FY 2005	
Title IV-E Foster Care Categories	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share
Maintenance Assistance Payments	2,709,494	76.09%	2,061,654	3,251,817	76.62%	2,491,542	3,408,535	77.08%	2,627,299	4,080,452	77.08%	3,129,798
State and Local Administration	14,826,227	50%	7,413,114	14,708,039	50%	7,354,020	9,782,380	50%	4,891,190	9,371,819	50%	4,685,910
SACWIS Development Costs	681,036	50%	340,518	332,798	50%	166,398	0	50%	0	0	50%	0
State and Local Training	175,377	75%	131,533	517,052	75%	387,789	1,992,071	75%	1,494,053	174,285	75%	130,714
Demonstration Project	177,522		88,762	684,313		378,421	391,558		215,132	0		0
Total	18,569,658		10,035,580	19,494,017		10,778,170	15,574,544		9,227,674	13,606,556		7,946,420
Average Monthly Number of Children in Foster Care Receiving IV-E												
Reimbursement	500			652			640			688		
Total Number of Children in Custody of MOHS	3,685			3,626			3170			3372		
Title IV-E Foster Care Children as a Percent of Total Foster Care Children	13.55%			17.97%			20.19%			20.40%		

Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program

		FFY 2002			FFY 2003			FFY 2004		FFY 2005		
Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Categories	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share	Total IV-E Expenditures	Fed %	Fed. Share
Adoption Assistance Payments	3,887,647	76.09%	2,958,111	4,012,643	76.62%	3,074,487	4,206,078	77.08%	3,242,045	4,558,230	77.08%	3,513,484
State and Local Administration	1,234,235	50%	617,118	949,250	50%	474,825	955,856	50%	477,928	1,103,422	50%	<u>551,711</u>
Total	5,121,882		3,575,228	4,961,893		3,549,112	5,161,934		3,719,973	5,661,652		4,065,195
Average Monthly Number of Children	804			821			858			937		

Source: IV-E Quarterty Report of Expenditure, 2002-2005.

Table 8 Title IV-E Foster Care Spending Categories, FFY 2002

National Average Allocations Compared to State Allocations

	Federal Spending Nationally	Percentage of National Total	Actual Title IV-E Foster Care Federal Spending in Mississippi	Percentage of State Total	State Percentage Match Required	State Match	Title IV-E Foster Care Funds to Mississippi but Consistent with National Categories	State Match if State Spending Consistent with National Categories
Net Maintenance Payments	1,881,907,419	43.4%	2,061,654	20.7%	23.91%	647,840	4,321,039	1,357,814
Administration and SACWIS	2,207,037,685	50.9%	7,753,632	78.0%	50.00%	7,753,632	5,067,569	5,067,569
Training	243,113,029	5.6%	131,533	1.3%	25.00%	43,844	558,211	186,070
Total	4,332,058,133	100.0%	9,946,819	100.0%		8,445,316	9,946,819	6,611,453

Sources: IV-E Quarterly Reports of Expenditure, 2002.
WMCP: 108-6, 2004 Green Book, House Ways and Means Committee, Page 11-24.

Table 9: Total Spending and Spending Categories and Percent Federal Funding by Spending Category for the Division of Family and Children, 1998-2005.

Spending Category	1998		1999		2000		2001	
	\$'s	% of Total	\$'s	% of Total	\$'s	% of Total	\$'s	% of Total
Salaries	18,596,707	35.39%	19,827,445	37.52%	23,185,650	44.18%	24,711,853	36.22%
Travel	1,465,829	2.79%	1,697,642	3.21%	1,894,674	3.61%	2,401,496	3.52%
Contractual	10,611,764	20.20%	13,151,628	24.89%	7,469,331	14.23%	17,134,410	25.12%
Commodities	164,440	0.31%	347,325	0.66%	514,511	0.98%	332,378	0.49%
Equipment	1,549,187	2.95%	1,633,542	3.09%	424,901	0.81%	306,151	0.45%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	20,153,247	38.36%	16,185,500	30.63%	18,994,471	36.19%	23,333,339	34.20%
Total Spending	52,541,174	100.00%	52,843,082	100.00%	52,483,538	100.00%	68,219,627	100.00%

	2002		2003		2004		2005	
Spending Category	\$'s	% of Total						
Salaries	23,300,090	32.94%	23,882,216	34.93%	24,843,958	35.75%	23,134,419	36.03%
Travel	2,157,666	3.05%	2,248,393	3.29%	2,346,736	3.38%	1,983,073	3.09%
Contractual	19,248,327	27.21%	16,211,854	23.71%	15,124,793	21.76%	13,425,211	20.91%
Commodities	260,398	0.37%	375,145	0.55%	275,676	0.40%	193,528	0.30%
Equipment	1,460,664	2.06%	1,811,433	2.65%	995,018	1.43%	76,658	0.12%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	24,316,074	34.37%	23,850,776	34.88%	25,915,851	37.29%	25,393,151	39.55%
Total Spending	70,743,219	100.00%	68,379,817	100.00%	69,502,032	100.00%	64,206,040	100.00%

Source: MDHS, Fiscal Year Budget Requests, 2000-2007.

Table 10
Placement Setting of Foster Care Children by State
States Ranked by Percentage of Children in Custody in Non-Relative Foster Care
September 30, 2001

State	Pre-Adoptive		Foster Home	Group	م د الدرية ا	Supervised Independent	D	Trial Home
State Wisconsin	Home	(Relative)	(Non-Relative)	Home	Institution	l.iving	Runaway	Visit
	1 4	7	82	3	7	4		***
Arkansas	•	4	69	1 -	11	1	3	7
Nevada	1	20	69	5	5		0	0
Connecticut	2	0	67	4	26	1	•	0
Maine	5	4	67	8	7	5	0	4
New Hampshire	_	12	66	21	1	, 0		
daho	3	13	65	10	7		1	1
Georgia	4	19	63	8	6		0	
Virginia	5	4	63	4	18	1	1	4
South Carolina	6	5	62	5	17	1	2	1
Indiana		16	61	3	17		1	2
Utah	9	4	61	4	11	2	3	6
Louisiana	0	10	60	8	16	0	1	4
New Jersey	3	14	59	9	13	1		
Ohio	4	18	59	4	9	1	3	2
Washington	1	32	58	5	1	0	2	0
Alabama	3	13	57	4	15	0	1	6
Delaware	7	10	57	8	17	0		
District of Columbia	1	17	55	18	8		1	
Hawaii	0	38	55	1	3		2	0
Oklahoma	5	29	55	8	3	0	1	•
Vermont	6	11	55	15	3	2	i	8
Kansas	5	13	54	5	6	ī	2	14
Montana	•	32	54	11	3	•	-	17
New York	0	21	54	3	17	0		5
West Virginia	5	4	54	32	3	2	0	1
lowa	7	1	53	30	8	2	•	•
New Mexico	13	18	53	4	7	4		
South Dakota	2	18	53	3	23	Ō	0	
	3	10	51	3	25 35	_	U	1
Kentucky						1	•	
Pennsylvania	2	18	51	11	16	1	0	1
Colorado	9	11	50	4	23	2	2	0
Massachusetts	5	17	50	9	12	3	2	1
Minnesota	6	16	49	10	19	0	0	
Oregon	5	20	49	1	7	0	5	13
North Dakota	8	14	48	4	26		0	
Texas	4	16	48	9	17	0	1	5
Tennessee	5	5	47	12	18	1	6	7
NorthCarolina	5	18	46	9	9	0	4	8
Michigan	6	32	44	0	15	2	0	0
Alaska	2	30	43	8	2			15
Illinois	8	32	42	2	9	4	3	
Arizona	1	24	40	19	9	2	3	2
Florida	2	46	39	2	8	1	1	
Maryland	5	35	38	10	3	1	1	6
Missouri	11	22	38	1	17	3	1	6
Nebraska	0	11	38	5	20	1	2	23
California	3	36	37	14	2	-	3	4
Wyoming	2	14	36	13	32	1	1	1
Mississippi	2	30	34	18	8	i	ò	7
Rhode Island	2	20	31	37	1	4	5	•
Averages	4.1	17.3	52.7	8.8	11.7	1.3	1.6	4.7

Source: House Ways and Means Committee Prints: 108-6, 2004 Green Book

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Publications

"Does WorkFirst Work? A Preliminary Evaluation of the First Year of Mississippi's Welfare Reform Waiver", Proceedings of the 1997 Meeting of the Academy of Economics and Finance, Forthcoming in 1997, with Jesse Beeler and Philip Taylor.

"Process Study for Mississippi's New Direction Demonstration", submitted to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, March 1997.

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Presentation of the research paper, "The Regulation Effect of Credit Ratings on Bond Interest Yields: The Case of Junk Bonds", at the Eastern Finance Association meeting, The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA, April 1991.

Presentation of the research paper, "The Risk Characteristics of Closed-End Country Funds", at the Eastern Finance Association meeting, Tampa, FL, April, 1992.

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Member of the Board of Editors of the Journal of Economics and Finance, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993.

Member, Board of Advisors and Faculty Advisor, General Louis Wilson Fund, a studentmanaged stock portfolio.

Area Coordinator, Midsouth Academy of Economics and Finance meeting, February 1990, 1991.

Conducted the 1995 Summer Institute for the Mississippi Economic Council's American Enterprise Center. The title of the Institute is "Critical Economic and Social Issues of Mississippi".

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Served as co-instructor of the Executive Management Seminar entitled, "Valuing Your Business" on June 30, 1994. This seminar was the pilot program for the Millsaps' Executive Management Center.

Delivered the Speech, "NAFTA, What Does It Mean For Mississippi" to the Eighth Annual Mississippi Partnership Conference, May 15-17, 1994, Biloxi, Mississippi.

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Delivered the Speech, "The New World Fertile Crescent", at the Southern Regional Land Conference, June 24, 1994, Biloxi, Mississippi.

The paper "Corporate Survival Analysis, A Prediction Model" was selected for presentation at the April. 1993 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Finance Association in Richmond. Virginia.

Director of Symposium entitled "Mississippi: Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going". Funding provided by Mississippi Humanities Council, March 16, 1994. Delivered the speech "NAFTA's Effect on Mississippi" at the Mississippi Economic Council / Mississippi NAFTA Conference, November, 1993.

Delivered the speech "The Economic Rationale Behind the NAFTA Agreement" at the NAFTA/Export Workshop sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, November, 1993.

Designed and Conducted the 1993 Summer Institute for the Mississippi Economic Council's American Enterprise Center. The title of the Institute is "International Economic Events: The Impact on Mississippi".

Moderator and expert for the program, "International Economic Events: The Impact on Mississippi", edited and aired by Mississippi Educational Television, October 3, 1993.

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Speech to the members of the Mississippi Chapter of Financial Analysts entitled "A Comparison of Junk Bond Default Risk and Yield Premiums", Feb 28, 1990.

Participant at several forums and seminars, including the American Iron and Steel Forum and the Chicago Board of Trade Seminar on Financial Futures.

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Professional Memberships

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State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Adams County

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State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Harrison County

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Deposition: 10/18/01

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U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi

No. 1:00CV154BrR

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